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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, poor feeding is done by private citizens. I think we should encourage them rather than the Government taking it up."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Without spending any amount on that day, how else was the Independence Day celebrated on the 15th August 1953? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is already stated that Rs. 75 was spent by the Government on that day. We shall now pass on to the next question."

Import of pulavu rice.

* 175 *Q.*—SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the special quality of pulavu rice is being imported into the State either by Government Agency or by private persons or firms; and

(*b*) the stock of pulavu rice available in Madras now?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Are the Government aware that pulavu rice is a necessity for Muslims for celebrating their marriages as well as for their feasts on funeral days and if so will the Government consider the desirability of importing pulavu rice? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am glad the hon. Member has taken up the cause of Muslims. So far, I have not received any representation from any individual Muslim or Muslim organizations stating that pulavu rice is necessary for them for such purposes."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" இன்றைக்கு அம்மாதிரியான காரியங்களுக்கு 'புலவு அரிசி' உபயோகிக்கப்படுகிறது. அந்த அரிசி எங்கிருந்து வருகிறது என்று சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Locally also, a certain kind of pulavu rice is grown. I know, at Udamalpet, it is grown and it is quite popular."

Implementation of awards of Industrial Tribunals in regard to hotel workers.

* 176 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state what steps the Government propose to take to protect the workers in hotels from the action of the hotel owners in changing the names of their hotels or shifting them to other places with new names so as to avoid implementing the awards of the various Industrial Tribunals given in favour of the workers and to enforce the awards?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" No action can be taken by Government to prevent employers from changing the names of their establishments or shifting their establishments to other places. Under section 18 (c) of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, an award which has become enforceable is binding on the heirs, successors or assigns of the employers of the establishment to which the dispute relates. If the parties fail to implement the awards, the Government can prosecute them under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 and also recover the amounts due to the workers from the managements as arrears of land revenue under the Industrial Disputes (Appellate Tribunal) Act, 1950."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Whenever private hotel owners want to go against the awards passed by the Tribunal, is it not the duty of the Government to find some means to protect the interests of the workers? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have just mentioned the section of the Act which protects the interests of the workers. It is open to the workers to inform the Government that such and such employer has not implemented the award of the Tribunal. The Government will then take suitable action in the matter."

SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI :—" I would like to know if there was any hotel owner who was prosecuted for not implementing any of the terms of the award? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I should like the hon. Member to put a separate question."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" When a hotel owner shifts to another place or changes the name of the establishment is not a licence from the Government necessary for doing so and why should not the Government look into these matters when such licenses are granted? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I think licences for running hotels are granted by the Police and the local authorities. I do not think the Government have anything to do with the matter."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that the proprietor of Ambi's Cafe has not implemented the award given by the Industrial Tribunal and, if so, what action has been taken on the representation of the workers of that hotel? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am not sure of the fact, Sir. I should like the hon. Member to put a separate question giving the date when the workers put an application, whether any stay of such award has been obtained from the court or appellate tribunal. There must be some such modifying factors."

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SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" இந்தத் தொழில் கோர்ட்டு தீர்ப்புக்குப் பிறகு பல ஹோட்டல் முதலாளிகள் தங்களுடைய ஹோட்டல்களின் பெயர்களை மாற்றிவிட்டார்கள். எட்டு முதலாளிகள்தான் இந்தத் தீர்ப்பை அமுலாக்கியிருக்கிறார்கள். மற்றவர்கள் எல்லாம் தங்கள் ஹோட்டல்களின் பெயர்களை மாற்றிவிட்டார்கள். அதன் காரணமாக நூற்றுக்கணக்கான தொழிலாளிகள் வேலையை விட்டு நீக்கப்பட்டார்கள். இது அரசாங்கத்திற்குத் தெரியுமா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" As I have mentioned in the answer, there is nothing to prevent any employer from changing the name or shifting his shop. Under the existing law, Government can take no action against him."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Apart from the devices mentioned in this question, is the Hon. Minister aware that owners of some hotels refuse to implement the decision of the tribunals for a number of years and resort to several methods to avoid implementing decisions favourable to labour? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Mere refusal does not justify their action. Before the Government starts any action, they must get a 'stay' from higher authorities."

SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV :—" May I know the number and the names of the hotel owners brought to the notice of the Government who have not implemented the award? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I want notice, Sir."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Will the Government include as a condition for the grant of licence that before the grant of licences by the Government the awards, if any, passed by the Tribunal should be implemented fully? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" As I have explained before, the authority that gives the licence is competent to put in such a condition. The Government are not the authority to give licences. The hon. Member can put a petition before the authorities concerned, viz., the Police, the Corporation or the local authority."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் குறிப்பிட்டார் நடைமுறையில் கொண்டுவராத முதலாளிகள் மீது நடவடிக்கை எடுப்போம் என்று. ஆனால் இந்த மாதிரி **award**-ஐ அம்பிகா பீடி முதலாளி அமுலுக்குக் கொண்டுவரவில்லை. அந்தமாதிரியான முதலாளிகளுக்கு ஏதாவது தண்டனை கொடுக்க சர்க்கார் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்குமா ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The main question relates to hotel workers. The hon. Member is referring to 'beedi workers'. A separate question may be put."

10-10 p.m. SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Just as the Government of Madras are insisting upon the production of income-tax clearance certificate before they issue permits to or accept tenders from any particular individual, although income-tax is a Central subject

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and the issue of permits, etc., is a State subject, will the Government consider the question of insisting on a particular hotel management's obeying or complying with the terms of the award of the Tribunal before a local board, municipality or even the police issue a licence or certificate to the hotel management? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, I am not sure that the insistence on the production of an income-tax clearance certificate is an independent order of the local Government and not that of the Central Government. I should therefore like the hon. Member to put a separate question and I shall have it examined."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Have not the Government a particular responsibility to workers and is it not the duty of the Government to protect their interests by asking the police to make such a provision and inform them about it? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I may inform the hon. Member that the duty of the police is only with regard to the location and safety of the place, where the hotel can be run. As for sanitary arrangements, it is a matter to be looked into by the local boards."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The Hon. Minister said that the duty of the police is with regard to the location of the place only. There appeared to be some sort of helplessness on the part of the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour. Is there not collective responsibility as far as the Cabinet is concerned? With regard to even the restoration of certificates of teachers the reports of the Police authorities are demanded. Cannot the Hon. Minister for Industries insist that prior to the issue of such licences, the previous history of the restaurant concerned should be brought to the notice of the Government? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am afraid the hon. Member has mistaken the purpose of a licence. The purpose of a licence is, firstly to see if the hotel can be situated in an appropriate place from the point of view of public convenience and here comes the police. We cannot put in restrictions where sanitary and other requirements are concerned as it is a matter for the local bodies to look into and decide. I don't know how Cabinet responsibility is involved in this very simple matter."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, the Hon. the Minister for Labour tells us that there is nothing in the law to prevent a hotel owner from shifting his residence or changing the name of the hotel if he wants to disobey the award of the Tribunal. Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that by this kind of statements and by such lacunae in the law, the Government are only encouraging the hotel owners who are emboldened to flout the decision of the various Industrial Tribunals and as a result of this, a number of hotel workers are made to undergo considerable hardship and injustice? "

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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am afraid the hon. Member is confusing issues. I said no action can be taken by the Government to prevent employers from changing the names of their establishments. I also added that if any employer buys another institution, all the awards of the Tribunal are binding on the purchasers, successors or assigns as well. Therefore, I am afraid the hon. Member is mixing issues. I also added that if any award was not implemented and if the workers bring that fact to the notice of the Government we shall certainly enforce it. I don't know how the hon. Member can come to the conclusion that this action or reply of mine helps the owners of hotels."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" The Hon. Minister said that the workers should bring to the notice of the Government the fact of non-implementation of awards. Is it not a fact that on 22nd October 1953 the Madras City Hotel Workers' Union gave a memorandum to the Hon. Minister stating all these facts including non-implementation of the awards and the closing of hotels, is it not a fact that the Government took no action?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am surprised at the statement made by the hon. Member and at his ignorance about the Industrial Disputes Act. Each employee must individually file his claim in writing with the Government in a specified manner mentioning his case. I am rather surprised that the hon. Member wants the Government to take action just because an association has submitted a memorandum to the Government. The Government cannot take this memorandum as an appeal against non-implementation of the award. I am afraid it is not legally correct."

Appointment of officers under the National Extension Service Scheme.

* 177 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the basis on which selection was made to the posts of gazetted officers under the National Extension Service Scheme; and

(*b*) the minimum qualifications prescribed and the experience required for the posts?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The prime consideration in filling up the posts was to pick out the best men suitable for the job and men who have aptitude for social work. Selection was made from among the members of the various services.

" (*b*) As the appointments were made from among members of other services, the question of prescribing qualifications did not arise."